

CITY *Visions*

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SISTER CITIES ON THE HORIZON

The Morgan Hill Sister City Committee has been working to build relationships with, and programs for, a number of cities from around the world. San Casciano in Valle di Pesa, Italy is our first Sister City. San Casciano is located about 10 miles south of Florence in the Chianti Classico region of Tuscany. To celebrate our new relationship, the Committee held two public events. In January, there was an “opera festa”, a joint effort with the American Association of University Women. Irene Dalis, star of the New York Metropolitan Opera and founder of Opera San Jose, regaled the group with stories of her astounding career, while Morgan Hill’s own Elizabeth Schultz sang some beautiful Italian arias. In April, the Committee hosted a pasta dinner for more than 100 people at Maurizio’s restaurant.

San Casciano’s mayor, Pietro Roselli, made a special visit to Morgan Hill in April, 2001 to initiate the Sister City Relationship. Our own mayor, Dennis Kennedy, will be going to San Casciano this October to sign a joint resolution formally uniting the two cities.

The Committee’s actions over the past few months have encouraged other potential activities. The Britton Junior High School Jazz Band is considering including San Casciano in its next inter-

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RAPID CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS FOR COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER



With each passing day, the concrete, wood framing, columns, and rebar begin to look more and more like the artist’s rendering posted at the construction zone at the Monterey Road and East Dunne Avenue site. Our Community and Cultural Center is rapidly taking shape.

In recent weeks, some of the progress that has taken place has included erection of the structural red steel and the pouring of building slabs. For the Gavilan College facility, the framing and roofing is nearly completed, while the electrical and plumbing rough-in is done. In regard to the Community Center itself, the framing is nearly at 100 percent completion, and the electrical and

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WIN FABULOUS PRIZES :

ENTER THE FIRST EVER
CITY OF MORGAN HILL
WEBSITE REVIEW CONTEST!

NEWS AND NOTES YOU NEED

CITY CALENDAR ITEMS AND MORE

WEBSITE CONTEST QUESTIONS

1. WHEN WAS MORGAN HILL INCORPORATED AS A CITY?
2. WHERE DO I GET A CITY OF MORGAN HILL BUSINESS LICENSE?
3. WHEN DOES THE CITY COUNCIL MEET?
4. LIST ANY CLASS OFFERED BY THE RECREATION DIVISION:
5. HOW COULD WE IMPROVE THE CITY WEBSITE?

YOUR NAME:

YOUR ADDRESS:

YOUR PHONE NO.

YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS:

HOW TO PLAY :

RETURN YOUR FORM BY AUGUST 9, 2002. FORMS SHOULD BE SENT WITH HEADING "WEBSITE CONTEST" AND MAY BE FAXED TO 779-3117 OR MAILED TO THE CITY OF MORGAN HILL AT 17555 PEAK AVENUE, MORGAN HILL, CA 95037.

YOU MAY ALSO SIMPLY TYPE THE ANSWERS IN AN E-MAIL AND SEND IT TO general@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTEST. BE SURE TO USE THE HEADING "WEBSITE CONTEST" IN THE SUBJECT LINE.

CONTEST RULES: FIVE WINNERS WILL BE RANDOMLY SELECTED FROM CORRECT CONTEST FORMS RECEIVED BY THE CITY BY AUGUST 9, 2002. CITY EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE.

HAVE YOU SEEN IT?

THE CITY HAS REDESIGNED ITS WEBSITE TO MAKE IT EVEN EASIER TO FIND THE INFORMATION YOU NEED. TO CELEBRATE THE NEW SITE, WE'RE HOSTING A WEBSITE USERS CONTEST! JUST COMPLETE THE CONTEST FORM AND RETURN IT BY AUGUST 9, 2002. YOU WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING FUN PRIZES:

A PERSONAL CONSTRUCTION SITE TOUR OF THE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CENTER

BEHIND-THE-SCENES: RIDE-ALONG WITH A MORGAN HILL POLICE OFFICER OR ON THE SEWER FLUSHER TRUCK - YOUR CHOICE!

LUNCH WITH THE MAYOR

RESERVED USE OF THE INTERIM SKATEBOARD PARK FOR 30 MINUTES

MAYOR FOR THE DAY: OPEN A CITY COUNCIL MEETING, LEAD THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND RECEIVE AN HONORARY PROCLAMATION

ALL PRIZES INCLUDE A V.I.P. PACKAGE WITH A CITY HAT, CITY PIN, AND MORE!

CLIP AND RETURN

Notes AND NEWS

DO YOU LIKE TO COMPOST?

The Master Composter Program is now accepting applications for their Fall classes. If you are interested, please call the Home Composting Program at 918-4640.

PLAYGROUND RENOVATIONS

The Public Works Department will soon be making major renovations to the playground area at Paradise Park. If you are interested in learning more about the process or providing input into the design, please contact Mori Struve at 776-7337 or MoriS@pw.morgan-hill.ca.gov.

ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATE ADJUSTMENT

Effective with sewer services for July 2002, there may be a change in your billed sewer fees. This is because sewer charges are recalculated each year based on each residential customer's winter water use averages.

If you have questions regarding your sewer charges, or any question about your utility account, please call the Utility Billing Division at 779-7221.



plumbing rough-in is well past the 50 percent mark. Offsite improvements to provide access to the site, lighting, and preparation for landscaping are nearly complete. The bandshell construction has begun, as well as the framing for the Children's Activity Center.

What significant construction is coming up next? According to the City's Project Manager, Glenn Ritter, the 273-vehicle parking lot will soon be constructed with the landscaping beginning in a few more months.

Do you have questions about how this facility will be used or what community use opportunities will be available for you? A wide variety of community and private events are anticipated, such as dances, music recitals, art shows, and banquets. Feel free to contact the Recreation Division at 779-7271 for further questions about the many uses that individuals, community groups, organizations, and others will be able to make of this soon-to-be facility. 🌊

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national tour, while the Rotarians have offered to assist in a summer youth exchange program. There remain many opportunities for more people to help build programs and activities between Morgan Hill and San Casciano.

Sister City International limits its members to one formal relationship per country, i.e., Morgan Hill can have only one sister city in Italy, one sister city in Mexico, etc.. At this time, four other cities are actively pursuing sister city relationships with Morgan Hill. They are: Cuprija, Serbia (Yugoslavia); San Martin de Hidalgo and Tlajomulco Dezuniga, both in the State of Jalisco, Mexico; and, Langfang City, near Beijing, China.

It is exciting to see these and other cities indicate an interest in Morgan Hill. Their interest gives us opportunities for business and educational interactions, youth and cultural exchanges, special travel considerations, and so much more. However, building and sustaining relationships requires community interest and involvement. The Committee is still seeking active members who are interested in establishing, imple-

menting, and sustaining these programs. If you are interested, please contact Bill Newkirk, City Liaison, at 776-7373, or Chuck Dillmann, Committee Chairman, at 778-8829. 🌊

Article by Bill Newkirk, Business Assistance and Housing Services, 776-7373 or Newkirkb@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov



MORGAN HILL COMMUNITY GUIDE

CHANNEL 17 PROGRAMMING

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

SPECIAL SESSION: 7/10 7PM LIVE
7/11 NOON REPLAY
7/13 8PM REPLAY
7/14 NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION: 7/17 7PM LIVE
7/18 NOON REPLAY
7/20 8PM REPLAY
7/21 NOON REPLAY

JOINT RDA SESSION: 7/31 7PM LIVE
8/1 NOON REPLAY
8/3 8PM REPLAY
8/4 NOON REPLAY

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS

REGULAR SESSION: 7/9 7PM LIVE
7/10 NOON REPLAY
7/13 8PM REPLAY
7/14 NOON REPLAY

REGULAR SESSION: 7/23 7PM LIVE
7/24 NOON REPLAY
7/27 NOON REPLAY
7/28 8PM REPLAY

BICYCLE SAFETY HOUR 9:30AM & 4:30PM DAILY
FRIDAY 7PM

FUGITIVE WATCH 10:30AM, & 5:30PM DAILY
SANTA CLARA COUNTY'S MOST WANTED FRIDAY 8:00PM

COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

DON'T MISS THE FUN AT THE
FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC SERIES -
IN DOWNTOWN MORGAN HILL

City Offices Closed • July 4

Regular garbage and recycling services.

Compost Workshop • July 9

Attendees of Morgan Hill Home Composting workshops discover the benefits of gardening using their own compost. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, July 9, from 7PM-9PM at the YMCA. To register for this free workshop, call the Home Composting Education Program at 918-4640.

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor **Dennis Kennedy** 779-7259
Mayor Pro Tempore **Larry Carr** 779-9622
Councilmember **Hedy L. Chang** 778-0511
Councilmember **Greg Sellers** 778-2370
Councilmember **Steve Tate** 779-6992
City Clerk **Irma Torrez** 779-7259
City Treasurer **Michael Roorda** 778-3653

CITY EXECUTIVE STAFF

City Manager **J. Edward Tewes**
City Attorney **Helene L. Leichter**
Assistant To The City Manager **Melissa Stevenson Dile**
Assistant To The City Manager **Anthony Eulo**
Business Assistance/Housing Services Director **Garrett Toy**
Community Development Director **David Bischoff**
Council Services and Records Manager **Irma Torrez**
Finance Director **Jack Dilles**
Human Resources Director **Mary Kaye Fisher**
Police Chief **Gerald T. Galvin**
Public Works Director **Jim Ashcraft**
Recreation Manager **Julie Spier**

CONTACTING YOUR CITY

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8AM to 5PM
Address: 17555 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA 95037
Animal Control 776-7300
Building Inspection 779-7241
Business Assist. & Housing Services 776-7373
City Clerk 779-7259
City Manager 779-7271
Environmental Programs 779-7247
Finance 779-7237
Fire Department (County Fire) 378-4010
Job Hotline 779-7276
Planning: Land Use / Zoning 779-7247
Police Administration 776-7315
Public Works 776-7337
Recreation 779-7271
Water 779-7221
Volunteer Programs 779-7278
City Hall Fax Number 779-3117
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